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SUPREME COURT COUNSEL MICHAEL GADOLA NAMED GENERAL COUNSEL TO STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE; MARK GATES NAMED DEPUTY SUPREME COURT COUNSEL

LANSING, MICHIGAN, June 2, 2003 – Michael Gadola, Michigan Supreme Court Counsel, will also serve as General Counsel to the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), the Michigan Supreme Court announced today.

SCAO is the administrative arm of the Michigan Supreme Court. Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan said that Gadola “frequently counsels the Court on matters which will eventually be implemented by SCAO. It makes sense for him to serve as both the Court’s and SCAO’s chief legal advisor.”

Before joining the Court as Supreme Court Counsel in 2001, Gadola served as House Majority Counsel in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1999-2000. From 1991-1995 and 1997-1998, he was Deputy Legal Counsel and Counsel for Executive Organization to Governor John Engler. From 1996 to 1997, Gadola was of counsel to the law firm of Dickinson Wright, where his practice specialities included general litigation, telecommunications and election law; he also practiced with the firm from 1990 to 1991. Gadola served as Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform under Governor Engler from 1995-1996.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Gadola received his law degree cum laude from Wayne State University Law School, where he was Editor-in-Chief of *The Wayne Law Review* from 1989-1990. A resident of Haslett, Gadola is active in a number of professional and community organizations, including the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers, the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing, Greater Lansing Ours By Adoption, and the Catholic Lawyers Guild.

The Court also announced that attorney Mark Gates, former Policy Advisor and Majority Counsel to the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee, will serve in the newly-created position of Deputy Legal Counsel to the Court. Gates will assist Gadola with legislative and executive branch relations, and will also work on administrative matters, such as state court rules.

Gates' legal experience includes 16 years as Prosecuting Attorney for Gratiot County. He holds bachelor of arts and master of science degrees from the University of Arizona. Gates received his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1976. He is a past president of the Gratiot County Bar Association and a former director of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. Gates resides in Alma.

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